

RHIC & AGS UEC Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2005

Present: Peter Steinberg, George Stephans, Christine Aidala, Sam Aronson, Brant Johnson, John Hill, Susan White-DePace, Angela Melocoton, Kelly Guiffreda, Tom Ludlam, Bill Zajc, Mark Baker, Jim Sowinski, John Jajoie

On phone: Gary Westfall

Overview of Budget: Sam Aronson

The RHIC presentations at the NSAC Tribble subcommittee meeting in Bethesda (April 3-5) were well received. The subcommittee will meet again in early May and is scheduled to report to the full NSAC in June. Over the summer efforts will be made to put together the FY07 budget. This is not part of long-term planning activity, but rather an effort to determine how to continue with the 2002 plan in light of a declining budget. Regrettably there is some competition between RHIC and JLab. RHIC user participation will be important at the Town Hall Meeting at APS on April 18th.

Status of Lobbying: Gary Westfall (see presentation)

Action items:

- Send reminder e-mail to users to send letters to their state and local representatives.
- Send e-mail to users regarding the Town Hall Meeting at the April APS Meeting

Trip to Washington, D.C. on Monday, April 11: (see presentation)

Vicki, Gary, and Brant will meet with people from OMB, OSTP, and science staffers from TN and MI. Will talk to Rick Casten beforehand to get advice on what to say.

Status of Nominations: Gary Westfall (see presentation)

Confirmation of a second Chair-Elect candidate still pending. More than enough UEC Member candidates, two Student/Postdoc candidates. Brant proposed voting to change the bylaws to increase the number of UEC members. In an effort to get candidates from the AGS and NRSL, Brant will e-mail Mike Sivertz and Steve Kettell.

Users' Meeting in Tampa: Gary Westfall (see presentation)

Saturday, April 16, 7-8:30 pm

E-mail will be sent to inform users of the meeting. Brant will also post flyers in Tampa.

Status of Users' Meeting at BNL: Brant Johnson (see presentation)

June 20-24. Workshops June 20-21, RHIC-II and e-RHIC June 22, plenary June 23-24. The RHIC-II meeting will in some ways be a follow-up to the meeting at the end of April, but it will additionally include different people.

A BRAHMS spin talk should be added to Thursday afternoon. It was suggested that the RHIC-II/e-RHIC presentation be changed to a theory talk.

The DOE talk will be lengthened from 20 to 30 minutes, and the NSF talks shortened to 15 minutes each. The funding agency talks will be moved from late afternoon to after lunch. The RHIC and AGS workshop summaries will be intermixed on Friday.

Update from the Users' Center: Susan White-DePace

Web-based training pages have been upgraded, overcoming many of the previous technical problems in running on different platforms, in different browsers, etc. There is new electrical training which must be completed by June 1st. The Users' Office is currently evaluating who needs to take it. Training to host and escort foreign nationals must also be completed by June 1st. Appointments for users from terrorist countries must now be signed directly by Ray Orbach. There's a new, unfunded Presidential directive regarding security which will lead to rebadging of everyone at the laboratory by October. Peter Steinberg will talk to Tom Schlager to get more information. A May UEC meeting will be added, and Schlager will be invited to give a presentation.